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ENCODER AND A CORRESPONDING DECODER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

This amendment is being filed concurrently with the filing of a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/489,543.

Prior to the calculation of any fees, please amend the aboveidentified, enclosed patent application as follows: